and where to stow my goods, to secure them from whatever might happen. Where I was, I yet knew not; whether on the continent or on an Island—whether inhabited or not In-habited—whether In danger of wild beasts or not. There was a hill not above a mile from me, which rose up very steep and high. I took out one of the fowling-pieces and one of the pistols, and a horn of powder ; and thus armed, I travelled to the top of that hill,, where I saw that I was in an Island, sur-rounded every way by the sea, no land to be seen, except some rocks which lay a great way off, and two small islands about three leagues to the west,

I found also, that the island I was In was barren, and, as I saw good reason to believe* uninhabited, except by wild beasts, of which however, I saw none. Yet I saw abundance of fowls, but knew not their kinds ; neither, when I killed them, could I tell what was fit for food, and what not. At my coming back,

I shot at a great bird, which I saw sitting upon
a tree on the side of a great wood. I believe
It was the first gun that had been fired there
since the creation of the world. I had no
sooner fired, but from all parts of the wood